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MINUTES

January 4, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Trumbull Town Council was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by Chairman Mark Altieri. All present joined in a moment of silence in memory of Planning & Zoning Commissioner Dominic Arminio, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL: The clerk called the roll and recorded it as follows:

Dan Marconi	John Rotondo	Kathleen Bivona
Michael Rappa	John DelVecchio, Jr.	Carl Massaro
Jane Deyoe	Debbie Lamberti	Tom Ragonese
Mary Ellen Lemay	Perry Molinoff	Chad Ciocci
Mary Beth Thornton	Mark Altieri	Dan Helfrich
Jeffrey Jenkins	Martha Mark	

ABSENT: Steve Lupien, John Sowka, Charles Pitcher

* Chairman Mark Altieri exercised his right not to vote unless otherwise noted.

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 4, 2006 MINUTES:

Mr. Massaro stated that the minutes accurately reflect the Public Acts that were submitted under the nature preserve resolution, Item 9, TC21-123. However, Public Act 06-89 entitled "An Act Concerning Encroachment on Open Space Land" should have also been submitted. It concerns protecting the Town's interest in open space against expansion of utility company interests and is attached hereto.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by Mr. Ciocci, seconded by DelVecchio to accept the December 4, 2006 Minutes as presented.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Chairman Altieri stated that Item 1 would be followed by the discussion item.

Item 1. **RESOLUTION TC21- 136:** Moved by Ms. Thornton, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio

BE IT RESOLVED, That _____ of _____, be and the same, is hereby elected to the Town Council, District 5, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Tom Christiano.

Moved by Ms. Thornton, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio to amend by inserting the following: Matt Reale of 34 Brewster Place.

VOTE: Passed 11-0 (Approved: Altieri, DelVecchio, Bivona, Lemay, Rotondo, Rappa, Marconi, Ragonese, Molinoff, Thornton, Helfrich)

VOTE: Adopted as amended 11-0 (Approved: Altieri, DelVecchio, Bivona, Lemay, Rotondo, Rappa, Marconi, Ragonese, Molinoff, Thornton, Helfrich)

Mr. Reale was sworn in by First Selectman Ray Baldwin. He was welcomed by Council with a round of applause.

DISCUSSION ITEM: Presentation by the First Selectman's Capital Improvement Committee

First Selectman Ray Baldwin explained the purpose of this bi-partisan committee is to determine the Town's capacity to bond in the future and how much can be spent each year. They will not decide which projects will be done. John Malfettone and Paul Tyborowski serve as Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively.

Chairman John Malfettone explained that a representative from People's Bank assisted the committee in building a long-term capital spending forecast model that is to be used annually during the budget process. It will help gather information from the departments every year and will give fiscal vision in terms of costs.

The committee looked at how bonding would affect the Town's credit rating as well as the people's ability to pay any increases in taxes. To create the model, the committee collected the "wish lists" of the various Town departments, used People's Bank interest rates, and reasonable assumptions in regards to the Grand List and budget.

Mr. Malfettone explained that the major project on the wish list is the renovation of Trumbull High School. In summary, it was determined that even in the unlikely event that all the projects on the list were done, the Town's credit rating would not be affected and that the timing of the projects could be used to control the impact.

Item 2. **RESOLUTION TC21- 137:** Held in Committee

Item 3. **RESOLUTION TC21- 138:** Held in Committee

Item 4. **RESOLUTION TC21-139:** Moved by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Ms. Bivona

BE IT RESOLVED, That an appropriation of \$15,000 from the unretained fund balance to Education Program Expense 01060000-522205 is hereby approved.

Committee report: R&R Committee met on December 27, 2006 and voted 3-0 to send without recommendation.

Moved by Ms. Thornton, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio to amend to a new amount of \$5,700.

Jim Nugent, Chairman of the Trumbull High School Building Committee stated that Architect Bill Silver felt he could provide the reports that Council has requested for \$5,700. Mr. Nugent felt that that number was conservative and agreed with members of Council that we don't want to provide too little.

Moved by Ms. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Molinoff to amend the amount from \$5,700 to \$6,000.

VOTE: Passed unanimously

Ms. Mark moved, seconded by Mr. Massaro to amend by appropriating the funds from Town Council Professional Services Account instead of from the unretained fund balance.

The funds in this account have been budgeted, but there is no plan to use them before the end of the fiscal year.

VOTE: Passed 10-3-4 (Opposed: Thornton, Molinoff, Helfrich; Abstention: Reale, Lemay, DelVecchio, Rotondo)

VOTE: Adopted 15-0-2 as amended (Abstentions: Reale, DelVecchio)

Mr. Helfrich moved, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio to suspend the rules to add TC21-140 to the agenda.

2/3 vote required for passage.

VOTE: Carried 17-0

RESOLUTION TC21-140: Moved by Mr. Helfrich, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio

BE IT RESOLVED, That May 15, 2007, be and the same is hereby designated as the date for a Special Election for the office of Planning & Zoning Commission to fill one (1) seat for a term extending to the first Monday in December, 2009.

Nick Vertucci recently resigned from this seat creating the vacancy.

Mr. Massaro stated that he does not prefer to suspend the rules to bring matters up on an agenda. However, in this instance, he believes the public and Council are best served by doing this tonight as opposed to calling a separate, special meeting later in the month on top of another special meeting in February in addition to the budget hearings. He supports the actions for this resolution.

VOTE: Adopted 15-0-2 (Abstentions: Lemay, Rotondo)

Moved by Mr. Massaro, seconded by Ms. Mark to make this Emergency Legislation.

2/3 vote required for passage.

VOTE: Adopted 15-1-1 (Opposed: Lemay; Abstention: Rotondo)

Mr. Helfrich moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. DeVecchio. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m. with unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Lusebrink,
Council Clerk